

## Austin Kmetovic

My name is Austin Kmetovic, and I will soon graduate from Pacific Crest Community School in Portland, Oregon. I've grown up in the city, but I have been fortunate enough to get out into the natural world during my childhood and develop a reverence for nature and the outdoors. I thoroughly enjoy exploration, and that feeling of being far from the confines and overstimulation of heavily populated areas. I've done what I can to share this feeling with those whom I encounter, and it makes me feel amazingly good to be able to pull a friend away from a screen to go have fun outside. In the coming years I plan to pursue knowledge at a school where I can combine studies of environmental education, the sciences, and childhood development, so that in the future I can help to get youth out and experiencing the natural world in a positive and uplifting way.